





## Entertainments.

On WEDNESDAY, 26th March.

A CONCERT.  
Under the distinguished Patronage of  
His Excellency THE ADMINISTRATOR, HON.  
FRANCIS FLEMING, O.M.G.;  
His Excellency VICE-ADMIRAL SIR  
NEWELL SALMON, V.C., K.C.B.;  
His Excellency MAJOR-GENERAL J. B.  
EDWARDS, C.B., R.E.;  
and in Aid of the Funds of  
THE ALICE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL,  
will be given by  
MAESTRO CATTANEO'S PUPILS.  
Kindly assisted by  
Miss GILBERT, Miss HOWARD, & Mr. G.  
VON WILDE, in the  
St. George's Hall.  
Commencing at 8 p.m.

PROGRAMME:  
PART I.  
1. March, Faust, Chorus by Lady and  
by Gaudin, & Gentlemen Amateurs.  
2. Air, for Soprano, Miss Agnes  
Picoletta, Salvatore Rosa, & Almada e  
by Gomez. C. Grace.  
3. Romanza for Baritone,  
Una balla in Mascherata, C. Grace.  
4. Angel's Serenade for  
Alto, by Bragg, with Mrs. G. Gordon  
Violon accompaniment.  
5. Quartette for Soprano,  
Messa soprano, Tenor, Bass, & Violon.  
6. Coda, for Piano, Miss C. Souza.  
7. Grand Aria for Soprano,  
I Pariani, by Bellini, Miss E. Carvalho  
Mrs. J. D. Humphrey.  
8. Largo nel finale,  
Traviata, by Verdi, Mr. G. Lammer.  
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Ten MINUTES INTERVAL.

PART II.  
1. Large finale, Sof-  
fo, by Puccini, Mrs. J. D. Humphrey.  
2. Grand Aria for  
Soprano, Aida, by  
Verdi, Miss Howard.  
3. Trio for So-  
prano, Tenor, and  
Bass, Lombardi,  
by Verdi, Mrs. J. D. Humphrey.  
4. Song—the war-  
dancer down the  
Mountain Side,  
for Soprano, by  
Clay, Mrs. J. D. Humphrey.  
5. Paraphrase on  
Waltz's Pre-  
lude, from "Mo-  
ravianer," by  
Wagner, for Vi-  
olin & piano, Mrs. J. D. Humphrey.  
6. Una voce poco  
fa, Cavatine for  
Messa Soprano,  
Barbiero di Si-  
riglia, by Rossini,  
Mrs. J. D. Humphrey.  
7. Duo, Soprano  
and Baritone, Ri-  
goletto, by Verdi, Mrs. J. D. Humphrey.  
8. Grand Walzer  
Concertato, Tutti  
in Mascherata,  
by Pedrotti, Mrs. J. D. Humphrey.

Tickets not less than \$2 each, to be held from Maestro CATTANEO and his PUPILS, and from Messrs LANE, OLIPHANT &amp; CO., Messrs KELLY &amp; WATSON, or Messrs KERR &amp; CO. Hongkong, March 17, 1890. 453

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## Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from A. SETU, Esq., to Sell by Public Auction, on

FRIDAY,  
the 21st March, 1890, at 2 p.m., at his  
Residence, "Norman Cottage," Peak Road,  
the whole of the  
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c.,  
comprising—

TAPESTRY COVERED DRAWING-ROOM SUITE,  
LADIES' EMBROIDERED ON SILK AND PUNISH  
COVERED CHAIRS, CHINESE GLASSES, MIN-  
ERAL BRONZE, ENGLISH-MADE OUTFITTERS  
with GLASS BACK.  
CARPETS and HEARTH RUGS.  
TEAK DINING TABLE, WHATNOTS and  
SIDEBOARD with GLASS BACK, VIENNA  
CHAIRS, DINING, DESSET and BREAKFAST  
SERVICES, GLASS and PLATE WARE.  
WRITING TABLE, DAYENPORT, COPING  
PRESS, BOOK CASE and BOOKS.  
DOUBLE and SINGLE IRON BEDSTEAD,  
WARDROBE with GLASS-DOOR CHEST OF  
DRAWERS, CHEVAL GLASS, TOILET TABLE  
with GLASS, and HAND-MADE WASHSTAND.  
1 SEWING MACHINE and STAND,  
by WHEELER & WILSON.  
&c., &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued, and the whole  
to be on view on and after Thursday, the  
20th Instant.  
TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.  
J. M. ARMSTRONG,  
Auctioneer.  
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## Business Notices.

HONGKONG TRADING COMPANY, LD.

(LATE THE HALL & HOLTZ CO-OPERATIVE COY., LTD.)  
(+)  
LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S OUTFITTERS.  
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FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE AND  
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The Steamship  
Edendale, Capt. HUMPHREY, will be  
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Ports at 8 a.m. TO-MORROW, the 20th  
Instant.  
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FOR SHANGHAI.  
The Steamship  
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Port TO-MORROW, the 20th Inst.,  
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The Japanese Government has given the Bank of Japan permission to issue an extra twenty-five millions of exchangeable notes, in consequence of the tightness of the money market caused by share speculation, &c.

The *Formosa* arrived at Amoy on the 14th inst. with a dead junk which she had towed from Hsu Thau Bay. Much difficulty was experienced in getting hold of the junk, owing to heavy sea, strong wind and showers of rain; the same cause conducted to make the towing a matter of considerable danger, and the officers and crew of the steamer worked hard and by careful attention succeeded after 5 hours anxiety in bringing the junk into the outer harbour, last night entering the port this morning. *Shing Gazette.*

Four teams from the Soomoo district, have come down, we understand, to ascertain what will be the buying capacity of foreign tea merchants for the coming season, and the amount of advances they can rely upon to enable them to operate in the new leaf. Such an unusual proceeding at such an early date looks rather fishy, and we would strongly advise those who have money to loan to be very careful, and to be always in mind that the tea men's losses last season were tremendous, in nine cases out of ten are irretrievable. *F. Chow Ede.*

## CORRESPONDENCE.

**THE ALICE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.**  
To the Editor of the "China Mail."  
Hongkong, 19th March, 1890.  
Sir, I have received the following subscriptions to the Funds of the Alice Memorial Hospital:—  
W. C. Harlow, Esq., M.A. ... 8 5  
Bishop Burton, ... 50  
G. Bateson Wright, Esq., M.A. ... 50  
Miss Field ... 25  
Messrs F. Blackhead & Co. ... 25  
V. Carreem, Esq. ... 10  
Messrs W. G. Humphreys & Co. ... 10  
Which I shall be glad if you will acknowledge in your columns—Yours, &c.  
E. W. MAITLAND,  
Hon. Treasurer Alice Memorial Hospital.

## MEETING OF

**THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**  
A meeting of the Legislative Council was held to-day. There were present:—His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, Hon. F. Flowering; Hon. W. M. Deane, Acting Colonial Secretary; Hon. A. Lister, Colonial Treasurer; Hon. W. M. Goodman, Attorney General; Hon. S. Brown, Surveyor General; Hon. N. G. Mitchell-Ross, Acting Registrar General; Hon. P. Ryde, Hon. C. P. Chater, Hon. A. P. Macdonald, Hon. J. J. Kenwick, Hon. Ho Kai, and Mr. F. A. Hazeland, Acting Clerk of Councils.

## FINANCIAL MINUTES.

The Acting Colonial Secretary laid on the table minutes recommending the following votes:—

1. A vote of \$8,500 to complete the sum of \$58,500, the cost of an Epidemic Hospital.
2. A vote of \$24,000 for the purchase of Island Lot No. 598 and the premises thereon, to be used as a Police Station, in lieu of No. 8 Police Station, Tseipinghan.

His Excellency—Before this vote is referred to the Finance Committee, I may mention to the Council that for a long time past the attention of the Government has been drawn to the desirability of obtaining another site for No. 8 Police Station. Shortly before the Governor's departure it was suggested to him that the site mentioned should be obtained for such purpose, and he agreed to the proposal made. His Excellency, however, apparently had some hesitation in sanctioning the expenditure for this site, as it should be included in the estimate for next year; but it seemed to me that if such a course was taken a considerable sum of money without the knowledge of this Council, and therefore I seemed to me that the only way to get the Council to vote to the notice of the Council the desire of the Government in regard to this matter was to ask the Council at once to vote the necessary amount. All the papers connected with this question will be submitted to the Finance Committee, and they will have an opportunity of seeing the observations which the Governor has made in connection with the matter, and I am quite sure they will give the subject every consideration.

Referred to the Finance Committee.  
2. A vote of \$720, being additional salary to the Assistant Harbour Master, increasing it from \$1,000 \$800, in consideration of which he will not receive any fees for the examination of masters and mates (which fees will not be paid into the Treasury) and will not be paid Collector of Light Dues pay.

His Excellency—Before this vote is referred to the Finance Committee I may mention to the Council that the increase of salary that is asked for—or rather the increase of expenditure, more strictly speaking—is in reality to a very few dollars a year. It may be seen that the salary of the Assistant Harbour Master is provided for in the estimates as \$1,020 a year. He used also to receive \$450 as Collector of Light Dues, and the average fee that he has received for the examination of masters and mates during the last three years, I believe, has been \$238. Therefore the increase of salary amounts strictly speaking to about two or three dollars; and in consequence of the proposal made by the Governor that instead of retaining these fees, which will now be paid into the Treasury, the salary should be increased, the present vote has been asked for.

Referred to the Finance Committee.  
The Acting Colonial Secretary laid on the table the report of the proceedings of the Finance Committee meeting last week, and moved that the votes therein recommended be sanctioned, viz:—  
A vote of \$3,000 as increase of salary to the Attorney General, the increase being from \$4,800 to \$7,800; a vote of \$750 for the employment of an Inspector of Nuisances for the Kowloon District from 1st April to 31st December this year; a vote of \$90 for a Chinese teacher for the Central School for Girls.

Agreed.  
**THE ACTING POSTMASTER GENERAL'S REPORT.**  
The Acting Colonial Secretary laid on the table the Report of the Acting Postmaster General (Mr. A. K. Travers) for the year 1889. The Report will be found in another column.

## THE NEW AIR BRIDGE GENERAL.

Hon. W. M. Goodman, the new Attorney General, who entered the Council Chamber at this stage of the proceedings, took the oath of office.  
His Excellency said—While welcoming the new Attorney General to this body, I wish to express my acknowledgments to which I am sure are shared by the other members of the Council—to the late Acting Attorney General, for the assistance he rendered to us, more particularly in connection with legal business. I have not been here sufficiently long to have seen much of his work, but I have been here sufficiently long to be able to express my satisfaction with the manner in which he performed the duties of Attorney General and the expedition way in which, as a rule, he gave opinions on such questions as were submitted to him.

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His Excellency—I understand the hon. member has not done this. The wording of the Ordinance quite carries out what it intends to carry out.  
Dr. Ho Kai—Just so; because at any future time if there is any law passed the same amendment will have to be made over again.  
His Excellency—I am obliged to the hon. member for mentioning this fact, and I think, in the circumstances, it will be better not to take the third reading to-day. The Attorney General will have the opportunity of going through the Ordinance himself and for consulting the late Acting Attorney General, and I think the better course now will be to let the third reading stand over.

The Acting Colonial Secretary moved the adjournment of the third reading, which was agreed to.

## THE MILITARY CONTRIBUTION.

His Excellency—I believe that all the business we have to get through to-day, but before we adjourn I wish to say that there are one or two subjects which I intend to bring forward at next meeting. One is that I intend to ask the Council to vote the military contribution that has been asked for by the Secretary of State in the despatch which I laid on the table at last meeting of Council. Circumstances will probably prevent us from having a meeting of this Council in the week next, and it is very desirable if it is possible to do so, that we should discuss and settle this question before the first quarter of the year expires. At the same time, as I mentioned at last meeting, I am not in any way desirous of bringing this important matter before the Council until every member has had a reasonable opportunity of perusing the despatch. Therefore if any unofficial member thinks that bringing this forward on Wednesday next might be premature I should be most happy to hear any observations on the subject, and if not, if no modifications of the despatch are made, I may state now that I intend to bring the matter forward in order to have it discussed, and, if possible, decided at next meeting.

## THE STANDING ORDERS.

The next subject to which I will allude (His Excellency continued) is that of the Standing Orders and Rules under which this Council now works. I find that these rules were passed in 1884—I presume in consequence of certain Royal instructions of that date; but since then there have been Royal instructions issued in 1886 and 1888. Those of 1888 are modifications of the rules of 1884, and I should think the latter must have repealed those of 1884. Therefore the Standing Orders under which we are now acting—or rather, which we are now following—freely have practically no force inasmuch as unless they were continued by some enactment they must have terminated. I have been unable to find any provision for this, besides which on examination of the Standing Orders and Rules, I think there are a certain number of them which ought to be modified, and I propose at next meeting that a special committee of this Council should be formed in order to frame new Standing Orders and Rules under the present instructions, which this Council has power to do, and to propose to the Council the Standing Orders and Rules which may be considered needful.

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## FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held after the meeting of Council, the Acting Colonial Secretary presiding.

**THE EPIDEMIC HOSPITAL.**  
With regard to the vote for this purpose, the Chairman explained that the estimates of this year provided for a sum of \$59,000, but a contract sent in by the Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co. shows that the cost of the work, with the improvements found to be necessary, amounts to \$58,500, being \$500 in excess of the sum already voted. The Committee were therefore asked to recommend that this surplus sum of \$500 be voted.

Mr. MacEwen—Was the original contract for that put up to public tender or put into the hands of the Dock Co.?  
The Colonial Treasurer—It was put up to public tender.  
Mr. Chater—When will it likely be ready?  
The Chairman—In October.

## THE ASSISTANT HARBOUR MASTER.

With regard to this vote the Chairman made an explanation similar to that given by the Administrator. The additional money voted, he said, would be repaid within a dollar or two each year by the fees which would fall into the Treasury.  
Mr. Chater—What are the duties of the Assistant Harbour Master?  
The Chairman—Assistant to the Harbour Master.

Mr. MacEwen—That is not an answer to my question. I want to know what his specific duties are.  
Mr. Ryrie—We went well for two or three years without one.

The Chairman—The Assistant Harbour Master was first appointed when the registration of junks was undertaken in 1867. The Harbour Master can carry his memory back to that time he will remember that before 1867 we allowed junks to come into this harbour without registration. In 1867 these junks were brought under the control of the Harbour department, and the great object was the revenue of the Colony, and to the diminution of piracy in the high seas. At the same time the Assistant Harbour Master was appointed, and the office has been kept on ever since with the exception of the lapse of the last eighteen months.

Mr. Ryrie—Who has been doing the duties in the meantime—during the last eighteen months?  
The Chairman—The present Harbour Master, assisted by his clerks.

Mr. Ryrie—If he has been doing the work for the last eighteen months, could he not go on doing it?  
The Colonial Treasurer—How long could he continue? If you can provide a Harbour Master who will never get sick and will never go away, then you could do without the Harbour Master.

Mr. Ryrie—In former instances in which the Harbour Master was absent, Captain Cairns and Captain Burns acted for him.  
The Colonial Treasurer—May I tell you the history of one of these appointments? Captain Cairns was appointed to act as Harbour Master, and he was paid and I paid the work, being Assistant Harbour Master at the time. Captain Cairns attended to his private practice at the time and came down for half an hour or so, if there were police cases to be put or he would not come down at all. He was done by as well as Assistant Harbour Master for four years. I can say that there was ample sufficient work for anybody. If it is only people who know nothing about the subject, who are never near the Harbour office for more than half an hour, and who are responsible for the statement that the Assistant Harbour Master has got nothing to do.

Mr. Ryrie—There is always a little truth in these statements.  
The Colonial Treasurer—You go on saying that, you say I have to believe it true. I can assure you I have been seldom harder worked than during the four years I was Assistant Harbour Master, holding the offices of Sheriff and Coroner at the same time.

Mr. Ryrie—If you had to do the work of all the offices, I suppose you were hard worked—Assistant Harbour Master, Sheriff and Coroner.  
The Colonial Treasurer—The two latter offices were put in as outside work.

Mr. Ryrie—I think we get it discussed. How was the appointment made?  
The Chairman—The officer was appointed by the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Mr. Ryrie—I suppose there was a despatch from the Governor and they took notice of the Council to attend to it.  
The Chairman—A great portion of that time was taken up in correspondence with the Hon. Mr. Hamilton, principal Magistrate in London. After a great deal of correspondence he found himself unable to do the work. The appointment was then offered to Captain Hastings, who was in Jamaica, and he has been two months in travelling from Jamaica to Hongkong.

Mr. Ryrie—If Captain Cairns were not absent, or dead, he might tell a different story to that which I find it on my return. I know from past experience how heavy a task is imposed on any one who attempts to conduct this Department as the only English officer in it. The pressure on endurance and physical strength in this exhausting climate is often very great. I have seen him to be congratulated on having (I fear at some sacrifice of health) conducted the Department alone for eighteen months without occasion for serious complaint of any kind.

I have the honour to be, Sir, Your most obedient Servant,  
A. LISTER,  
Postmaster General.

The Honorable F. Fleming, O.M.G.,  
Colonial Secretary, &c., &c., &c.

## GENERAL POST OFFICE.

Hongkong, 19th January, 1890.  
Sir, I have the honour to report on the British Postal Service in Hongkong and China during the year 1889. The Report has to be sent in makes it impossible to detail the Revenue of the Department for 1889, which will not be definitely ascertained for some months to come.

The Revenue for 1888 was as follows:—  
Gross Revenue 1888, ... \$148,106.89  
Deduct, ... 10,245.51  
Net, ... \$137,861.38

Share of United Kingdom, ... 40,782.20  
Contributed towards P. & O. ... 60,047.00  
Share of other Countries, ... 5,652.91  
Conveyance of Mails, ... 3,113.30  
Working Expenses, ... 36,408.14  
Total, ... \$144,075.70

3. Approximate Statistics for the year 1889 are appended. They show a general increase of correspondence.

4. A Steam Launch has been provided, and by its means the landing and delivery of mails has been accelerated. To be able to do this it was necessary to establish a new station, which, judging by the growing requirements of the service, is a very necessary addition.

## THE ACTING POSTMASTER GENERAL'S REPORT FOR 1889.

PRESENTED TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, BY COMMAND OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT.

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Sir, I have the honour to forward to you a Report on the work of this Department during 1889, prepared by Mr. Travers, who was in charge of the Department during that year.

2. Having been absent from the Post Office throughout the whole period under review, I am in a position to add nothing to the facts submitted by Mr. Travers. I would ask permission, however, to state that the Government has been very much pleased with the manner in which the Department has been conducted during the year.

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4. It gives me much pleasure to testify to the ability with which the work of the Department has been carried on by Mr. Travers during my long absence, and to the fact that I find it on my return. I know from past experience how heavy a task is imposed on any one who attempts to conduct this Department as the only English officer in it.

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The defendant's story was that the constable wanted a bribe of a dollar and a half, and that the charge was made because he could not get that amount. After hearing the evidence, His Worship said (addressing the prisoner)—Your story is that the constable wanted a man upstair to ask for money, and because you would not give him enough he arrested you. If that was proved it would of course make him liable to a long term of imprisonment. On the evidence before me it is impossible for me to say whether it is true or false. The evidence of the constable is very suspicious, but at the same time I am unable to say that it is actually false. Judging by the probabilities I should say your story is more likely to be the true than his. On the other hand it seems you are willing to give him thirty cents the moment he asked for it. What you should have done, if he asked for money from you, was to immediately report the matter to the Superintendent of Police and have the constable punished for taking a bribe. I shall forward the depositions to the Acting Superintendent of Police.

Addressing the complainant, His Worship said—What you are saying is that you were offering a bribe of thirty cents. You said you found him standing at the door of a house, that without any apparent reason he offered you thirty cents, and that you arrested him for doing so. If that is true, you were perfectly right, but the defendant says you arrested him because when you asked him for money he would not give you enough. On the evidence I am unable to say whether his story or yours is true. He produces witnesses who state the same thing as he does, only he says he was arrested at the time he made his statement their evidence is not of much value. But upon the probabilities of the evidence as it stands, I am bound to say that your story appears to be much more probable than yours, but the defendant's story is more probable than yours. On the evidence I am unable to say whether his story or yours is true. He produces witnesses who state the same thing as he does, only he says he was arrested at the time he made his statement their evidence is not of much value. But upon the probabilities of the evidence as it stands, I am bound to say that your story appears to be much more probable than yours, but the defendant's story is more probable than yours.

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10. No thing further has been done, so far as I know, with regard to handing over the Agency in China to the Colonies, and it seems only too probable that they will continue in the hands of the Assistants at the Consulates for some time to come. This is much to be regretted, as it perpetuates a crippled and make-shift service which can never be improved or extended on the part of the Officers employed, and who are the existing organization (and I hope this year will see a little better), the Agents in China to the Colonies, and it seems only too probable that they will continue in the hands of the Assistants at the Consulates for some time to come.

11. Arrangements were made in May last for the exchange of parcels between this Colony and Ceylon, Cambodia, Tongking and Annam.

12. The number of parcels received and despatched during the year is as follows:—  
In Out  
By P. & O. Packet, ... 5,203 4,297 12,732  
By German Packet, ... 174 267 441  
Total, ... 5,377 4,700 13,173

The total number despatched and received in 1888 was 10,693. There is therefore an increase of 2,589.

13. By the Christmas Mail from Europe we received 527 parcels, and by the New Year's Mail 876. These are the heaviest mails that have yet come under my notice.

14. Money Orders may now be exchanged with France and Algeria through the medium of the Imperial Post Office.

15. The Peak Delivery has proved, as I expected, a great convenience to the public. The number of letters despatched and received is 3,711 and 288 respectively. I must again record my thanks to the Manager of the High Level Tramway Company for allowing our postmen to travel free.

16. Among the many instances of fraudulent enclosures in newspapers &c., the following may be mentioned:—  
Mrs. —, China, posted a newspaper addressed as a single paper, but containing a dozen silk handkerchiefs.

Mr. —, China, addressed a newspaper as a single paper, containing six pairs of gloves and three letters.

These were duly forwarded, latter rate being charged, and I have no doubt the addressees would much rather they had not been sent. Unfortunately the senders could not recover their first supplies of what was then known as 'chaw', and drunk out of 'silver porringers', from China, but from Java, which, until the Dutch obtained possession of the island, was an English settlement. The commerce in the port could not, however, have been so great as first the price ranged from six pounds to ten pounds per pound. Even during the reign of Charles II. and his brother, it was disposed of at from fifteen shillings to fifty shillings, according to quality, the duty payable on every gallon of the beverage sold in the open market being eight pence. In the reign of William and Mary it was further enhanced with an im duty of four shillings per pound, and five per cent. of the value, and during the next century, when the average price was sixteen shillings, the impost amounted to, to fully two shillings per pound, or, in other words, the common quality. The tax was, however, in that era, a comparatively small branch of commerce, being mainly monopolized in the hands of the East India Company.

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THAT Suite of OFFICES on the FIRST Floor of the Company's Premises in the HOUSE LAKE, at present occupied by Messrs. HOLLAND & Co., with entrance from Queen's Road. Possession from 1st March next. Also, TWO GODOWNS on the Ground Floor which can be let in connection with the above Office, or separately as desired. With immediate possession, ONE ROOM on the First Floor of the same Premises, suitable for an OFFICE, with entrance from the South side of the Building. For full particulars, apply to the MANAGERS at the Depository, to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, January 27, 1890. 197

## Notices to Consignees.

## AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM TRIESTE, PORT SAID, SUEZ, JEDDAH, SUAKIM, MASSAWAH, HODEDDA, ADEN, BOMBAY, COLOMBO, PENANG & SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Melissa*, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Godown Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.

Consignees wishing to receive their Goods at the Wharf are at liberty to do so. The S.S. *Melissa* having stranded near Suakin, all Consignees of Cargo shipped at ports before her arrival at Aden will have to sign Average Bond before delivery of the Cargo.

This Vessel brings on Cargo:—From OALOUTTA and MADRAS on S.S. *Nile*, transhipped at COLOMBO, From THURSDAY, on S.S. *Marina* from Suez and Imperative, transhipped at BOMBAY.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent to the Under-Signed before Noon, on the 24th Inst., or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 24th Inst. will be subject to rent. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents. Hongkong, March 18, 1890. 566

## GLEN LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

## FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Glenartney* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Godown Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 11 a.m. To-day. Cargo remaining undelivered after the 20th Inst. will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Consignees are requested to present all Claims for damages and/or shortages not later than the 27th Inst., otherwise they will not be recognized.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents. Hongkong, March 13, 1890. 463

## FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. *Bellona*, Capt. C. Haebe, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Under-Signed, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 4 p.m. To-day, the 14th Inst. Any Cargo impeding their discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the Godown Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 20th Inst. will be subject to rent. All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 20th Inst., at 4 p.m. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

SIEMSEN & Co., Agents. Hongkong, March 14, 1890. 472

## STEAMSHIP CONGO.

## COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London or S.S. *Erymanthe* and *Manche*, and from Havre or S.S. *Manche*, in connection with the above Steamers, are hereby informed that their Goods—with the exception of Oil, Treasures, and Valuable—are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless immediate receipt from the Consignees before 10 a.m. To-morrow (Friday), requesting it to be landed here. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Under-Signed.

Goods remaining unclaimed after Thursday, the 22nd March, at Noon, will be subject to rent, and all landing charges at one cent per packet per diem. All Claims must be sent in to me on or before the 22nd March (Saturday), or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. G. DE CHAMPAUX, Agent. Hongkong, March 13, 1890. 470

## THE CHINA SHIPPERS' MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

## FROM LONDON, LIVERPOOL AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's S.S. *Moyun* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Godown Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent to the Under-Signed before Noon on the 22nd Inst., or they will not be recognized. All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 22nd Inst., at 4 p.m. No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 22nd Inst. will be subject to rent.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 11 a.m. To-day. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co., Agents. Hongkong, March 17, 1890. 468

## Notices to Consignees.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

## S.S. EDENDALE, FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Godown Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-day. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 25th Inst. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Under-Signed on or before the 25th Inst., or they will not be recognized. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents. Hongkong, March 18, 1890. 510

## INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

## FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship *Wingang*, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Godown Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Cargo remaining undelivered after the 23rd Inst. will be subject to rent. Consignees are requested to present all Claims for damages and/or shortages not later than the 31st Inst., otherwise they will not be recognized.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, March 17, 1890. 560

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10.40 a.m.

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MacEwen, FRICKEL & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, October 30, 1889. 2070

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PAID-UP CAPITAL, 2,500,000

RESERVE FUND, 1,250,000

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A SHELLTON HOOPER, Secretary. Victoria Buildings, Hongkong, 3rd May, 1889. 844

## NOTICE.

## RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3: Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3 1/2 per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up by the Bank twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank if marked 'On Hongkong Savings Bank Business' is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the 'HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,' G. E. NOBLE, Chief Manager. Hongkong, January 1, 1889. 754

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